

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 25-51 would be allowable if applicant overcomes the objections set forth in the Office Action.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of various informalities regarding reference numerals. The abstract has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP §608.01(o) for the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, the specification has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis, and, more particularly, includes support for at least one inner abutment located in the lateral aperture. Furthermore, the specification has been amended to correct various informalities identified by the Examiner. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

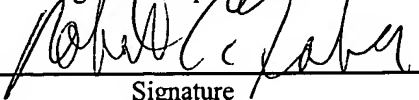
The drawings stand objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 for failing to comply with margin and/or line quality standards. In accordance with the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached to the Office Action dated April 8, 2004, Figs. 1, 5 and 9 have been amended to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(g). Furthermore, applicant submits that replacement Figs. 1-11 comply with line quality standards, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.84(l).

In view of the above, applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance.

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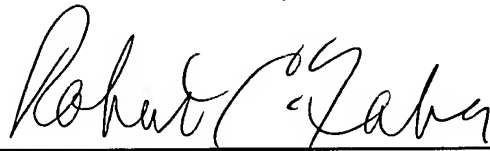


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